



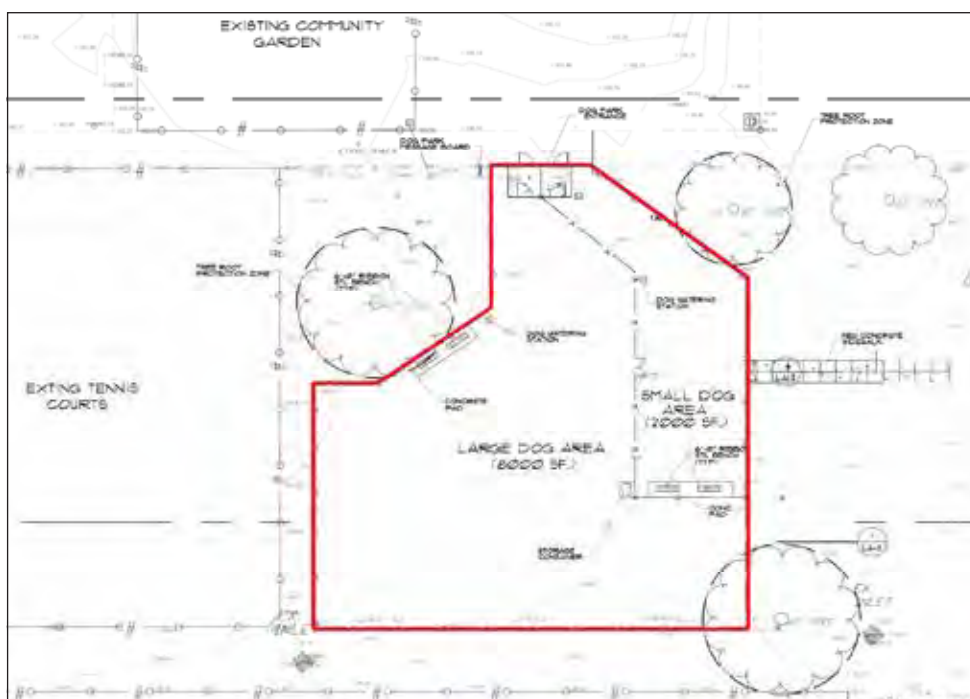
Construction of Southwest's Dog Park Gets Underway

By: Gwyn Jones

The construction fencing showed up in March, and now, at long last, the construction of a new dog park at Lansburgh Park is getting underway. The dog park, which will be located next to the Lansburgh Park basketball courts, will provide 10,000 square feet of fenced-in play area for the canine residents of Southwest and the nearby Southeast communities. Construction is expected to take approximately six weeks.

In an April 11 email, Paws of Southwest leader Bridget Gonzales announced the good news to ANC6D and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), which is the Paws of Southwest fiscal agent.

"Thank you so much for your support of our work over the past three years," Ms. Gonzales wrote. "We have so much to be excited about as Lansburgh Park continues to experience a rebirth." The Paws of Southwest is a volunteer



organization of Southwest community dog owners who have been working since April 2011 to establish an off-leash dog park in the quadrant, currently the only quadrant in DC with no such facility.

Since then, the Paws of Southwest have been working on not only the dog park project but also advocating responsible dog ownership through various events in Southwest, collaborating with the Southwest Duckpond group, the Lansburgh Park Community Garden Group, and others.

"It's taken a long time, with a lot of stops and starts," said Jessica Seepersad, who started the dog park effort three years ago. "But it's really amazing to see all our work — the meetings and events, fundraisers, and phone calls — finally pay off. I think we'll have a dog park that everyone can be proud of, and we've made a lot of friends

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SW Small Area Plan: An Open Letter to the Office of Planning

The Office of Planning (OP) invited leaders of Southwest residential and community organizations to serve as an advisory committee toward the preparation of a Southwest Small Area Plan. This spring, OP has been soliciting the members' support of its preliminary recommendations.

However committee members have a range of significant concerns with both the process and proposed recommendations. Concluding that many of the same concerns have been repeatedly raised, yet not appropriately addressed or incorporated in OP's recommendations, committee members decided to notify our fellow community members and elected officials in an open letter that we aren't comfortable with the current process.

We look forward to working with OP, other government agencies, and the community to transparently develop an equitable, sustainable, and successful plan.

The Southwest community embraced your administration's proposal to develop a Southwest Neighborhood Plan to recommend public investments that will accommodate the development pressures facing our community.

After the first public workshop, the D.C. Office of Planning (OP) articulated ten themes that the plan would focus on: Southwest Culture, Neighborhood Character, Pedestrian/Safety, Retail, Parks, Community

Amenities, Housing, Transportation, Historic Preservation, and New Development. OP also conveyed that the land uses of a handful of government parcels would be closely evaluated. The community consented to this approach.

The community has engaged in three public workshops, and in record numbers. Appointed community representatives have participated in three focus groups — Elderly, Historic Preservation, and Education. Additionally, many comments have been submitted online and over email. Despite the significant amount of feedback, the community's priorities are not reflected in the proposals that OP has put forward.

- OP's accounts of community comments have not been representative. The January 25 meeting notes, in particular, categorically avoided capturing comments opposed to allowing big box stores along South Capitol Street and those in support of maintaining Southwest's stand-alone library.

- The recommendations ignore the balanced set of themes.

- The recommendations fail to incorporate the comments and conclusions developed at the focus groups.

- OP's resultant recommendations focus on increasing the recommended land use density for well over a dozen key sites, despite clear indications from the commu-

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Passion for Teaching Defines a Stellar Career

This article is part of a series of profiles of teachers and staff at Amidon-Bowen.

By: Lucy Rojansky

Dressed like a corporate executive with an actor's charisma and a minister's gravitas, Beverly Worthington strides to the front of her classroom, the eyes of every second grade student trained on her as they repeat her morning mantra.

"Respect, responsibility, ready to learn!" Seventeen voices rise in chorus. Thus begins a rigorous language arts lesson at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, where Worthington has taught since 2008.

"I need a helper," Worthington says, and nearly every student raises a hand. She chooses a boy to run the class through an exercise in phonics. When she asks the class what defines a "trick" word, twelve hands shoot into the air. The question answered correctly, she moves on.

"How do you remember trick words?" she asks. "How do you learn them?" She calls on a student seated at a cluster of desks to her left.

"You need to practice!" he says. Worthington nods and smiles.

"He said something, and it's not a trick!" she emphasizes meaningfully. "You need to practice. That's how we learn anything."

Her compassionate rapport with her class is a study in mutual respect. Her students sit attentively in their chairs. They wave their hands in eager anticipation when she asks a question to which they know the answer. Like a college



Amidon-Bowen Second Grade Teacher Beverly Worthington. Photo courtesy of Beverly Worthington

professor, Worthington scans the room and cold calls a student sitting quietly and trying to avoid eye contact.

"I want someone who hasn't raised their hand," she says, as the raised hands sink. "Let's cross our fingers so he gets it right." Worthing-

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Cherry Blossoms...

**By: Kael Anderson,
SWNA President**

As another cherry blossom season transpires, a brief reflection seems timely. We celebrate the phenomenon in spectacular fashion with the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Taking place in our front yard, the Festival has been recognized as one of the top three in the world. Each year it attracts over 1.5 million people and generates well over \$125 million for Washington, D.C. This year it set a number of transit records.

Thanks to a remarkable partnership between Hoffman-Madison, the Washington Waterfront Association, and others, the day-long SW Waterfront Fireworks Festival has become one of the Festival's signature events, bringing an estimated 60,000 people to Southwest. By all definitions it's a seminal event for the city and Southwest. And yet, like many festivals, celebrations, or holidays, it seems all too easy to lose track of the whys and whats of the commemorating.

Characterized by their vivid fragility, cherry blossoms are known for their short but brilliant blooming season, a natural process that metaphorically describes life. The tradition of enjoying this transient beauty dates back to Japan's Nara Period (710–794). "Hanami" or flower viewing as it's traditionally known, is the practice of picnicking under a blooming cherry tree. The Japanese would go into the mountains each spring to the trees. The trees were considered sacred since they were understood to carry the soul of the mountain gods down to humans. Under local folklore, the mountain deity traveled down to the fields every spring as the cherry blossoms fell and transformed into the deity of

the rice paddies, a critical crop.

Over the years, cherry blossoms have been associated with various ephemeral phenomena such as clouds. One of the primary cultural associations is Japanese nationalism and militarism. The blossoms exemplify the noble character of the "Japanese soul" — men who do not fear death. A fallen cherry blossom symbolizes a fallen samurai warrior who sacrificed his life for the emperor. Ritual suicide became a key part of the samurai code, symbolized by the cherry blossom, which falls at the moment of its greatest beauty: an ideal death. During World War II, the symbolism passed on as blossoms were painted on the side of kamikaze warplanes.

The very transitory nature of the blossoms underscores their delicate yet transient beauty, thus making the blossoms an archetypal symbol of the melancholic beauty of impermanence. This paradigm characterizes the Japanese cultural tradition of "mono no aware." Roughly translated as the "poignant beauty of things" it describes a cultivated sensitivity to the unavoidable transience of life, love, and all things. This awareness of transience cultivates a heightened appreciation of beauty, and evokes a gentle sadness at its passing.

Given the cherry blossoms' rich symbolism, they're frequently incorporated in Japanese artistic and consumer traditions. Every blossom season, I'm reminded of Akira Kurasawa's epic film, *Dreams*. One of its eight episodes features a blooming field of trees as part of its exploration of humankind's relationship to nature.

Today, most Japanese visit cherry blossom trees in groups, whether neighborhood, company, or student. It's not unusual for student groups to take a half

or full day off from school. Increasingly "yozakura," or nighttime cherry tree gatherings, have become popular, particularly with younger populations. These gatherings feature lightings of cherry trees that vary from traditional paper lanterns to complex illuminations comparable with those created for winter holidays.

Whether for worshiping, nighttime parties, wedding pictures, quick drive-bys, casual strolls, picnicking, or playing, cherry blossoms provide a powerful forum — a forum that inspires contemplation, celebration, and commemoration. A forum that reminds us how beautiful, yet fleeting, life and its experiences are. Cheers to all those who make the experience such a blessing.

Edible Facts

Cherry blossoms and leaves are edible and both are used as food ingredients in Japan:

- The blossoms are pickled in salt and umezu (ume or plum vinegar), and used for coaxing out flavor in wagashi, (a traditional Japanese confectionery,) or anpan, (a Japanese sweet bun, most-commonly filled with red bean paste.)
- Salt-pickled blossoms in hot water are called sakurayu, and drunk at festive events like weddings in place of green tea.
- The leaves, mostly from the shima cherry because of the softness, are also pickled in salted water and used for sakuramochi.
- Since the leaves contain coumarin, which is toxic in large doses, it is not recommended to eat them in great quantities.

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Tuesday, April 29
7:00 pm
Westminster Church

Presented by:
Marjorie Lightman PhD
Peter Sefton Ms
William Zeisel PhD



Starting with the waterfront at the opening of the 20th century, the presentation uses maps and photographs to suggest a pattern of flattening, rebuilding, and unanticipated consequences that followed the repeated efforts of social reformers and urban planners to “uplift the poor,” provide the “stability of a middle class” and erase lawlessness, violence, and decay associated with urban poverty.

The presentation is part of a study undertaken by QED Associates LLC and funded by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly to develop an historical context for neighborhoods in the Southwest.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

From my living-room window
I can see the 7th Street landing
on the waterfront.

It's deserted this morning,
but if I close my eyes
I can imagine what it was like
when young Afro-American women
sailed up from Virginia to Washington
more than 100 years ago.

For these country-bred women
sitting alone
on the hard seats reserved for “colored,”
the steamships were magic boats
taking them to a new life.

The noise and smells they encountered
as they landed were new.

The crowds, mostly men,
worked the winches, carried crates
and pushed trolleys along the docks
that lined the waterfront.

Relatives led the wide-eyed young women
to streetcars that took them to their new homes,
many in the Southwest....

Join the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly as we explore

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Annual DC CROP Walk Scheduled for May 17

By: Elaine Graves

The annual District of Columbia CROP Hunger Walk and Food Drive will be held on May 17, 2014 at Franklin Square Park (950 13th St NW) at 11 am.

This year's DC CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk encourages walkers to “start where they are,” wherever they are in the District, and meet up with neighbors at Franklin Square Park at 11 am to raise money and food for local feeding programs. Walkers should register online at www.cropwalk.org to start raising money now, and bring canned goods the day of the walk.

This year's beneficiary organizations will be DC Hunger Solutions and Capital Area Food Bank. This year's canned goods will be donated to the Capital Food Bank.

While walkers will come from all parts of the District, Southwest residents will gather at the Southwest Duck Pond at 9:30 a.m. to walk to Franklin Square.

We will see you at Franklin Square on May 17!

For questions, contact LeVatrice Nora-Meullion at lnorameullion@gmail.com



Southwest residents Terry Crabtree, Rev. Martha Clark, Corrine and David Scott pose for a photo at last year's DC Crop Walk.

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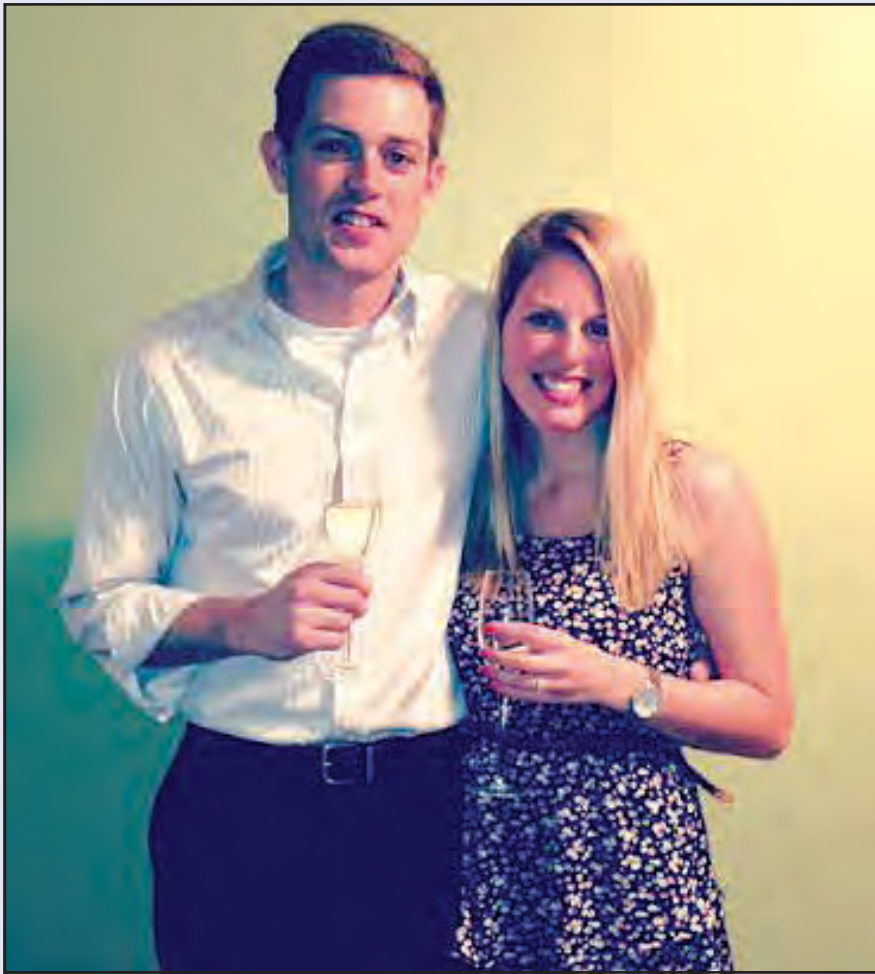
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The staff at The Southwester would like to congratulate Editor-in-Chief Shannon Vaughn on his engagement to girlfriend Christy Aldridge

Randall Recreation Center March Report

By: Vera Johnson

During this month, Sasha Bruce Youthwork worked to improve signage, provide new programs and events, and improve Randall's presence in the surrounding community. We added additional program signage on the I & South Capitol Street sides of Randall as well as lawn signs spaced down I Street. The newest program at Randall is Zumba, which occurs every Thursday evening. This month, we also began planning for community yard sales, the Spring Egg Roll and Festival, and Spring Break Camp. In our efforts to improve Randall's presence in the surrounding community, we worked to strengthen relationships with the Southwest Library, local churches, and several housing developments.

On March 11, 2014, there was a status hearing before Judge Edelman to hear from the attorney and receiver for Southwest Community Center. Lisa Burford shared an update regarding the programming at Randall and the progress to date. Judge Edelman was pleased to learn about the progress to date. Sasha Bruce Youthwork also had representatives at the hearing.

Program Highlight:

Kawaii Art Fashion, a Japanese culture based art style, reaped the benefits of our recruitment efforts. The program was able to hold an attendance of four or more participants each week. Instructor

Imani Brown produced an excellent month-long programming plan that allowed the participating youth to leave the class with a greater appreciation for the Japanese art culture that is Kawaii, along with a few self-made fashion items to add to their personal wardrobe.

Challenges:

The overall visibility of Randall continues to challenge our recruitment efforts. However, the lack of heat, which was a previous concern, seems to be working efficiently.

Current Programs in Operation:

Presently, the regular programming includes the computer lab, which is open daily, yoga, Kawaii art fashion, tot lot, and zumba. The facility served as an Affordable Health Care Enrollment Center for a couple of days this month. Also, it was used for a workshop supporting Big Bus recruitment and a workforce development orientation.

Upcoming Events:

Department of Transportation has inquired to use the facility in partnership with UPO to host a series of child car seat safety sessions.

There are plans to do a grounds cleanup next month, which will include painting the benches and trash cans, picking up branches, cleaning, etc. This will be lead by SBY's Workforce Development Department.



Jenny and her devoted class members

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: Boot Camp with Jenny

By: Julia Cole

It is overcast, yet warm on this particular Tuesday morning in April at 6am. Despite the early hour, I drag myself out of bed and make my way to Diamond Teague Park, the little strip of green and boardwalk that sits behind Nationals Park between the stadium and the waters of the Anacostia River. The boardwalk is quiet when I arrive, but the humid air will soon be filled with the grunts and groans of the dedicated individuals who meet here every morning at 6:30 for a workout. Many don't realize, but there is a cardio-intensive boot camp class that takes place in this little corner of Southeast DC every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning.

A group of about 20 devoted members shows up every morning at 6:30 to have their butts kicked by Jenny Wing Harper, the boot camp leader. A quick warmup jog quickly transitions into circuit training rounds in which class members partner up for push ups, burpees, planks, and more. A round of intense sprints is followed up with extreme sit-ups, once again performed in pairs. A quick cooldown rounds out the hour long class, by the end of which everyone is sweaty, thirsty, and gasping for breath.

Many of the class attendees are regulars who sign

up for session after session, yet there are usually a few newcomers each month. Solid bonds are formed between the members, no doubt in part because of the shared pain of enduring a grueling workout together every morning. Having the support of a friendly face while working towards a common goal of improved physical fitness creates friendships between these committed individuals. All are welcomed with open arms to share in the rigors of the challenging class. There is no doubt about it, anyone living in Southwest DC needs look no further for a personalized group fitness class that is easily accessible and sure to get your blood pumping!

Boot Camp with Jenny started years ago at the Senate Park. Jenny, the class leader, began the workouts while working on the hill, took a brief hiatus, and relaunched near the Nationals stadium in 2013. The class runs in monthly sessions from March through November. The workouts are held Monday through Wednesday for three weeks and then there is a one-week break. Each session costs \$115 and includes nine workouts in total.

For more information about Jenny's boot camp sessions, check out the website at bootcampwithjenny.com.



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D.C. Considers New Boundaries for Public Schools

By: CBCC Education Committee

For the first time in over 40 years, Washington, D.C. is planning a major policy overhaul of the system that currently dictates where families have the right to send their children to public school.

On Wednesday, April 2, the Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) convened a meeting with Deputy Mayor for Educa-

stakeholders to help guide the process. Amidon-Bowen PTA President Martin Welles serves as a member of this committee as one of two representatives from Ward 6.

The second phase of the process, which is now underway, began on April 5 with a public presentation of the DME's preliminary policy options for new boundaries, feeder patterns, and choice allocations. The three so-called "policy examples" lay out different approaches to school assignment.

In Policy Example A, students and their parents would be given "choice sets," and asked to rank their preferred schools within an assigned geographical boundary. In other words, regardless of where they live, students would not be guaranteed a slot in a particular school, creating uncertainty for families who might choose their residence based on the promise of a spot at a neighborhood school.

Policy Example B would provide students with the right to attend one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school, based on a geographical boundary. However, each school would have a percentage of its seats set aside for children who otherwise would be slated to attend low-performing schools.

Policy Example C would, among other stipulations, dictate boundaries for elementary schools, choice sets for middle schools, and a citywide lottery for high schools.

Simultaneously with the release of these policy examples, the DME's office launched a website, www.engagedc.org, where community members can get an in-depth look at each policy example, ask questions, and provide feedback on the three options. The opportunities for input will last through June, at which point the Advisory Committee will use the feedback to guide their final recommendation to the DME, the Chancellor, and the Mayor, which will be made in August. The final plan will be presented in September.

More information and sign-up forms for community working groups can be found online at www.dme.dc.gov/boundaries or by phone at 202-478-5738.



photo: Felicia Coutts

tion (DME) Abigail Smith. About 40 residents of Southwest and Navy Yard—many of whom have children and grandchildren in DC public schools—joined the DME to discuss the changes under consideration, and provided feedback about the process and its implications.

Against a backdrop of school closures, overcrowded schools, underperforming schools, and with nearly 44 percent of District students enrolled in charters, the "Student Assignment and DCPS School Boundaries Review Process" is seeking to develop public policy mechanisms to ensure that a greater number of students have more equitable access to a wider array of high quality schools.

The first phase of the process commenced in October 2013 and concluded in March of this year. Throughout that period, the DME sought community input in order to define the desired outcomes that a new school assignment and boundaries policy would seek to achieve. In addition to holding over 22 focus groups across all eight wards, the DME has convened an advisory committee comprised of a broad representation of education and planning policy

21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program at Lincoln Theater

By: Tony Fowler, Director of Interagency Affairs, U.S. Department of Education

Those touched by the Holocaust - survivors, rescuers, liberators, resisters, or witnesses - remind us of what can happen if prejudice, hate, and intolerance against any individual or group of people are not challenged by each one of us.

The Federal Inter-Agency Committee on the Holocaust Remembrance will hold its 21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program at the Lincoln Theater, located at 1215 U St NW, on May 7, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

The program is designed to provide the experience through the eyewitnesses' own voices:

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The program will provide valuable history lessons and emotions of the learned experience for all of us. The program is open to the public with free admission.

For more information, please visit: <http://holocaustremembrance.org>.

Have You Heard of YOYODC.com Yet?

By: Ackshun Jackson

One of the internet's hidden gems is actually a locally broadcast show from right here in Southwest. Have you heard about YOYODC.com yet? Its one of the fastest growing, most-loved Internet Radio/Video Shows.

YOYODC is a very funny, sometimes random, slightly insightful, and fresh faced hot topic show that is starting its third year in June. YOYODC is hosted by Southwesterners Ackshun Jackson and Ms. Smurfette, who talk about real news in a real manner, and then sometimes in a totally insane manner. They even take live phone calls on the YOYODC Hotline at 703-666-8729

Ackshun, Ms. Smurfette, and the show artist Ronzo tell crazy yet real stories about life and love, for example a psycho ex hell-bent on revenge, and at times they also

play music while providing positive, or sometimes negative, reviews of the music they are playing. YOYODC also promote parties and events in and around the city, and even blessed Southwest DC with the Amazing Art Jam at Blind Whino SW Arts



Club, which took place this past January.

Do yourself a favor and visit YOYODC.com to hear old podcasts or watch the video show. You can also listen to YOYODC 24/7 on your phone or computer directly via the TuneIn App: <http://tun.in/se6zm>.

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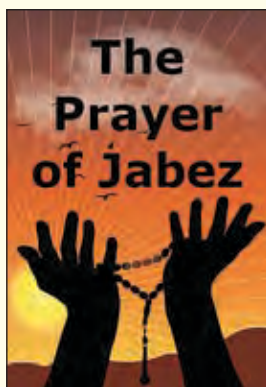
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Southwest DC is a growing and ever-evolving part of the city. Every year, thousands upon thousands of new residents move to the District, and many look to our quadrant to establish roots. With so many towering high rises and enclosed living communities in the area, there are myriad options for newcomers to inspect to figure out where exactly available housing is located. Here are a few tips for people searching for a place to live in beautiful Southwest:

- Make a list of the housing communities in the area and state checking their websites. Many places will post listings of rooms for rent online.
- Research which buildings and complexes offer reduced rates based on income level, etc.
- Figure out whether you would prefer a townhouse or an apartment to help nar-

row down the options. Whether you are looking for solo housing or roommates to split costs with will also help you eliminate certain spaces.

- Walk around and explore different neighborhoods to find out exactly which spot works best for you. Do you want to be close to a metro stop, or would you prefer an abode further off the beaten path?

Regardless of where a person in the quadrant a person may end up living, the whole area has so much to offer. As an added bonus, since Southwest is the smallest quadrant in the District of Columbia, all the amenities our community has to offer are within easy walking distance. With all the development taking place in the upcoming years, there will surely be no shortage of options for the flocks of city slickers looking to find their little corner of comfort in the bustling capital.



Local band Sol Roots provided the entertainment at the Southwester fundraiser. Photo: Saadia Athias.

The Southwester Fundraiser A Smashing Success

The Southwester held a fundraiser on April 16 to raise money in support of our community-run publication. The event was held at Gordon Biersch in Navy Yard in tandem with their tapping party and one year anniversary event, during which they tapped a brand new brew, a Maibock. Maibock is the German term for “a bock beer of May.”

The event was by all accounts a smashing success. Attendees were eager to support our local paper as well as celebrate the coming of spring with a refreshing new lager. The well-attended event featured free food, drink specials, and live music from local band Sol Roots.

Tickets were sold at event for a prize drawing, awards for which included gift cards to area stores such as Safeway, artist prints donated from neighborhood arts venue Blind Whino, and even certificates for the Spirit and Odyssey river cruises. A silent auction was also held for more big-ticket items including lunch for two and a tour at the World Bank building, as well as two sets of premium tickets to Washington Nationals games.

While the total tallies of revenue from raffle ticket sales and the silent auction have not been computed, over \$500 was raised for the paper based on cash donations alone. The Southwester would like to thank everyone who attended and assisted with the event for making it such a smashing success. Here's to 50 more years of reporting on the exciting developments that continue to take place in our community!



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DOG PARK

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and created a stronger sense of community in the process.”

The new dog park will comprise 8,000 square feet for large dogs and a separate 2,000-square-foot area for small dogs and puppies. Both areas will have watering stations. The surface will be “decomposed granite,” a surface type that is relatively easy on dogs’ paws as well as easy to maintain and keep clean. A shed for tools, signage, hoses, and other basics will be provided in the initial design; the Paws of Southwest will be responsible for funding any additional amenities. Dog owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their own pets, but waste receptacles at the dog park will be emptied regularly by the DC Department of Public Works (DPW).

Dog parks can add a lot to a community,



bringing people together around their shared interest in dogs. They provide a safe place for dogs to socialize and play, and dogs that are well-exercised are also more likely to be better-behaved while on leash. For the community,

having an off-leash dog park helps keep other parks dog-free, or at least keep dogs on-leash. Dog parks help promote responsible dog ownership. The off-leash dog park at Lansburgh will be

open to all dogs that are licensed in the District of Columbia and have obtained the free dog park dog tag. The tag is required in order to ensure that all dogs using the dog park have been properly vaccinated and that their owners understand and agree to the terms of using the dog park. For more information on dog licensing and DC dog park regulations, please see the DC Department of Health website at <http://doh.dc.gov/dog-licensing>, or call 202-442-5955.

All dog parks in the District require that a local group take responsibility for ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the dog park in cooperation/collaboration with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. To that end, the Paws of Southwest is actively looking for volunteers who can help with various tasks as well as donors interested in supporting the dog park. To find out how to get involved, email info@pawsofsw.org.

PLAN

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nity and your consultants that increased density alone will not improve our quality of life.

- Rather than supporting Southwest’s buildings and open spaces that this community values, OP recommended a watered down set of guidelines.

OP has not addressed the priorities and concerns of Southwest residents, including parks and open space, transportation congestion, the Greenleaf housing community, and cultural development.

OP’s planners and consultants have not only ignored parks and open space in their recommendations, but also have spoken out against existing plans in public meetings, including the \$1 million earmarked for Randall, a fully-funded 15,000 square-foot dog park at Lansburgh, and a \$450,000 playground in the open space along the library. We understand that OP’s proposal to eliminate the stand-alone library would also eliminate the adjacent playground, which is an amenity that many members of our community have worked hard to enhance.

Rather than recommending transportation improvements to try to best accommodate the billions of dollars in new development already approved, OP is recommending more development allowances. Increasing the allowable density on so many sites raises concerns not only about the scale of development, but also the type. The community has spoken time and time again about their desire for small businesses that provide basic services, however, none of OP’s recommendations have focused on providing incentives for developers to build the smaller, more affordable spaces in which such neighborhood retail could thrive. Instead, OP’s recommendations to increase density support large development envelopes that better facilitate big box stores like Walmart.

This is not what the community needs or wants. Moreover, without a well-developed transportation plan, how would we ever manage the resultant traffic congestion?

The community has repeatedly voiced concerns about preserving and accommodating the future of Southwest’s residents living in the large Greenleaf housing development. However, OP’s only Greenleaf-related recommendations were land use changes that would facilitate demolition of the Greenleaf area with no concomitant recommendations for keeping the Greenleaf community intact. Southwest still bears the scars of social injustice from the mass displacement of residents from the urban renewal process of the 1950s. We should not let this unfortunate his-

tory repeat itself.


Southwest has become a burgeoning cultural hub, with Arena Stage, Blind Whino, SW Arts Fest, the Wharf’s performance hall and smaller music-themed bars, Westminster’s Blues and Jazz nights, the planned Rubell Art Museum, Washington Project for the Arts, the Randall Community Center, and other smaller venues and events. We have expressed—and assumed DC would have a mutual interest—in buttressing our cultural assets. But OP hasn’t facilitated any substantive discussion, much less articulated recommendations that would support our cultural assets.

We call on you to make the Southwest Neighborhood Small Area Plan a sincere community-led vision for the Southwest neighborhood. Our

community has spoken. We need the Office of Planning to listen and plan accordingly for the growth of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Kael Anderson, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly President
Roger Moffatt, ANC 6D-05
Andy Litsky, ANC 6D-01
Rhonda Hamilton, ANC 6D-06
Gail Fast, Carrollsburg A Condominium President
Carolyn Mitchell, Channel Square President
Colleen Rooney, Tiber Island Cooperative

Homes President
Hara Bouganim, Waterfront Tower President
Cecille Chen, Tiber Island Condominium representative
Thelma Jones, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force Chair
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Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Special Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, May 3rd, 6:15 p.m.
The suggested donation is \$12 per person, \$25 per family.
Proceeds to benefit the church poor box.
Reservation requested. Please call 202-554-7863
by Tuesday April 29th.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 18th
11:30 a.m.
The suggested donation is \$5 for each adult, children eat free.
Proceeds to benefit the church poor box.

St. Dominic Catholic Church

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Voices of Now Festival

By: Sheila Wickouski

The Voices of Now Festival is a four-day event showcasing original plays written and performed by more than 100 young artists from the DC Area. All performances take place in the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle in the Mead Center, 1101 6th St. SW.

The 2014 Voices of Now Festival Schedule is as follows: Wednesday, May 14—7:30 p.m. Jefferson Middle School Ensemble, Mentor Ensemble, and Advocacy Ensemble



Thursday, May 15—7:30 p.m. Burke Ensemble, Wendt Center Ensemble, and Advocacy Ensemble Friday, May 16—7:30 p.m. Jefferson Middle School Ensemble, Key Middle School Ensemble, and Glasgow Middle School Ensemble Saturday, May 17—7:30 p.m. Mead Ensemble, Robinson Middle School Ensemble and Mentor Ensemble There will be an additional performance Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW by the Mentor and Jefferson

Ensembles as part of the Art & Spirit Coffeehouse event.

Tickets for the Voices of Now Festival are free, though reservations are required and can be made through the Arena Stage Sales Office at 202-488-3300.

Smokey Joe's Café Comes to Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

p.m.

Just how long can popular music stay popular? Two musical events occurring in Southwest DC in May feature music that has long since proven that the answer might be “forever.” It's hard to imagine American pop music without “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Stand by Me,” and “Love Potion #9.” What would American music have been like without the litany of hundreds of performers of Leiber-Stoller songs, starting with Elvis Presley.

Smokey Joe's Café celebrates the golden age of rock, rhythm, and blues. The Grammy Award-winning tribute to the songwriting duo Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, which topped 2,000 performances on Broadway, now comes to Arena



(L to R) Nova Y. Payton, Levi Kreis and E. Faye Butler in *Smokey Joe's Café—The Songs of Leiber and Stoller* at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater April 25-June 8, 2014. Photo by Tony Powell.

This brunch and a matinee performance of *Smokey Joe's Café* starts off with a delicious spread including golden brown frittatas, savory smoked salmon, and petite french pastries.

COST: \$42 per person includes unlimited buffet and two beverages. To make a brunch reservation visit arenastage.org/shows-tickets/the-season/productions/smokey-joes-cafe/events/.

WHAT: Piano Bar—Wednesday, May 21 following the 7:30 p.m. performance & Friday, June 6 following the 8:00 p.m. performance

COST: free, no ticket necessary during the run of *Smokey Joe's Café*. Grab a drink and gather 'round the piano for show tunes hosted by Joshua Morgan with special guests in the Grand Lobby.

WHAT: Post-Show Conversations with artists and staff on May 7, 13 & 14 following the noon matinee; May 15 following the 8:00 p.m. performance; and May 20 following the 7:30 p.m. performance.



Smokey Joe's Café—The Songs of Leiber and Stoller runs April 25–June 8, 2014 at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. Illustration by Paul Rogers.

Stage. Tony Award winner Levi Kreis and Helen Hayes Award winners E. Faye Butler and Nova Y. Payton head up the cast in this classic revue.

Smokey Joe's Café - The Songs of Leiber and Stoller will be at Arena Stage from April 25 until June 8. Southwest night will be Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30pm. Southwest D.C. residents may buy discounted tickets for specially designated performances of each production. Tickets are \$35 for musicals and \$25 for non-musicals, plus fees. Proof of Southwest D.C. residency or employment for each member of the party must be presented at the time of purchase. Tickets are limited to four per person and are based on availability. Sales Office at 1101 6th St SW.

Smokey Joe's special events include:

WHAT: Mother's Day Brunch & Matinee

WHEN: Sunday, May 11 11:30 a.m.-2:00



(L to R) Ashley Blair Fitzgerald and Levi Kreis in *Smokey Joe's Café—The Songs of Leiber and Stoller* at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater April 25-June 8, 2014. Photo by Tony Powell.



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Long-time Hiker, Southwest Resident, Dies at 102

By: Jim Flanigan

Pauline LeMarie Shryock, a long-time resident of Southwest DC, died recently after a short illness at the age of 102. She and her late husband, Henry Shryock, were the oldest members of the Potomac Appalachian

father died shortly afterward.

Pauline and her 12-year-old sister were placed under the care of relatives. When Pauline was old enough to find employment, her aunts in England decided she should take up nursing. After a few years, however, she decided nursing was not her lot.

At the beginning of World War II, she joined the British Women's Voluntary Services. She served in Hong Kong, Burma, Malay, and Singapore. She survived the aftermath of Aung Sang's assassination in Burma. She went to London for several months and was there during some of the German bombings. She was also involved with the rehabilitation of Berlin and Hamburg during the Berlin Airlift of 1948 and 1949. She performed some nursing duties during that time. She was married to her first husband, Frank Le Marie, a diplomat, for 28 years.

In the 1960s, Pauline came to Washington to work with her employers, who were returning to the United States from England. She was in her mid-50s by this time and among the activities she took up was hiking. That's when she met Henry. After they were married, they hiked across New Zealand on their honeymoon. They were married for 30 years.

Trail Club. They were hiking with the PATC well into their 90s. They lived at Harbour Square. Pauline also was a member of the Wanderbirds and Capital Hiking Club.

Deborah Pauline Douglas McDougall was the eldest of two daughters born to an old aristocratic Scottish family. Her father, William McDougall, headed a family enterprise dealing with china merchandising and pottery manufacturing that ran a fleet of ships out of Port Glasgow and traded all over the world. However, her life of privilege changed when she was 18. The Great Depression of the 1930s crippled the family business. Her mother became ill and her

Pauline didn't come to America entirely without family. An aunt and uncle had immigrated to the United States in the 1920s and settled in New Jersey. She also had cousins living in New Jersey and Delaware. One cousin was a physician and eye surgeon who headed Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. Her love of traveling continued with Henry. They took many interesting trips with their hiking group and the Cosmos Club, of which Henry was a member.

A memorial service for Pauline was held at the Cosmos Club. She was buried adjacent to Henry at St. Thomas Church in Owings Mill, Maryland.



Henry and Pauline Shryock



Contemporary Art Coming to Southwest

By: Sarah Massey

The Southwest community will be home to significant contemporary public art this fall. As part of 5x5, a project of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Curator Lance Fung selected a neighborhood lot to transform. The space is located between 4th Street and Wesley Place, across the street from the Southwest Library. Fung will work with five internationally-known artists to create and install five public artworks, in varied media, to transform the outdoor spot into a mini-exhibit garden.

"The 5x5 Project gives curators the opportunity to paint the District as a canvas on which to place contemporary art," says Lionell Thomas, Executive Director of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. "This is a truly unique vision for public art, and we are excited to see

District residents engage with new works outside of the traditional museum setting."

"For my curatorial contribution to 5x5, I envision *Nonuments* — a temporary sculpture park featuring 'monuments' devoted not to the great, but to ordinary people, to the ideals of democracy, and to the common struggles of humanity," says Curator Lance Fung. The 5x5 Project engages five curators who select five artists to each create art. The artists Fung selected are Jonathan Fung, Cameron Hockenson, Peter Hutchinson, Jennifer Wen Ma, and Nora Naranjo Morse. The attached image shows how their artworks will be placed in the public space.

Please visit the 5x5 website at <http://www.the5x5project.com> for more information. The project will launch this September but programming as already started with videos, artists visits, and more.

South Capitol Street Corridor Project Update Meeting

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invite you to attend a public informational update meeting about the progress of the South Capitol Street Corridor Project, which includes the replacement of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and transforming the city's southernmost entrance into a grand urban boulevard. An update on the status of the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) that is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will also be given.

Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

2616 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE

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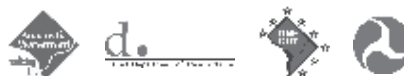
The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the current status of the project, answer stakeholder questions and receive feedback.

Comments can be provided at the meeting, mailed or submitted electronically to info@southcapitolis.com. For more information, please contact: Bryon Johnston at ddot.awi@dc.gov or 202-741-8528. You can also visit www.anacostiawaterfront.org/SouthCapitolStreetCorridor.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its projects, programs, activities, and services on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act and other related statutes.

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If you need special accommodations or language assistance services (translation or interpretation) please contact Shelley Johnson at shelley@sharpandco.com or 301-424-6133 at least 72 business hours in advance of the meeting. These services will be provided free of charge.



Visions from the Forests at National Museum of African Art

By: Sheila Wickowski

Visions from the Forests: The Art of Liberia and Sierra Leone is the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art's gift to the public in celebrating its 50th year anniversary. Perhaps no art form brings together the creative efforts of so many diverse skills as the traditional African mask. Sculptors, performers, musicians, participants, and attendants are all involved in their ceremonial use. This dazzling collection of William Siegman is rich in masks associated with initiation rites as well as jewelry, dyed textiles, small stone figures, and prestige objects of cast, brass, and horn - some dating from the 15th century. The exhibit will run through August 17 and is free to attend. The museum, which was founded in 1964, occupied a townhouse once owned by Fredrick Douglass. It later became part of the Smithsonian Institution, and was re-located to 950 Independence Avenue SW. For more information check out <http://africa.si.edu/> or call (202) 633-4600.

MAY

THURS 1 @ 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Tommy Wells Southwest community office hours will be held at Starbucks in the Safeway, 1100 4th St SW.

FRI 2 @ 6:30 P.M. Potluck, 7 P.M. Games. St. Augustine’s Game Night. Bring a potluck dish to share. Board and card games provided, but feel free to bring your own games too. All ages welcome. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW, 202-554-3222 www.staugustinesdc.org or rector@staugustinesdc.org

SAT 3 @ 10:30 A.M. Family Story Time. Stories, songs, and activities promoting fire prevention and fire safety. Special Guest: DC Firefighters will visit to discuss fire safety and fire engines. SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW.

SAT 3 @ 1 P.M. Local author Nick Mann will be speaking about his novel “Forgetful.” SW Neighborhood Library

SAT 3 @ 4-5:30 P.M. Experience Yoga Nidra. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with the opportunity to set your intention. No experience in yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email wilsonpj108@verizon.net Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 M St. SW.

SAT 3 @ 10 A.M.-2 P.M. ONE DAY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A special event for people with relapsing multiple sclerosis (MS) and their care partners who want to learn more about the disease. Highlights include MS expert panel, workshops and MS health fair. Breakfast and lunch provided. Registration and MS health fair open at 10 A.M. Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001. To register for this free event, visit www.1day4everyday.com or call 866-703-6293.

SAT 3 @ 6:15 P.M. Spaghetti Supper, St. Dominic Church, 630 E St. SW. Proceeds to benefit the church poor box. The suggested donation is \$12.00 per person, \$25 per family. Reservations requested. Please call 202-554-7863.

MON 5 @ 6 P.M. Video screening of “The Language of Life” with Bill Moyers. SW Neighborhood Library

MON 5 @ 7-8:30 P.M. PAWS of Southwest. The monthly meeting is open to the public in the downstairs community room of the SW Neighborhood Library. Also find us PAWS of Southwest on Facebook.

TUES 6 & 20 @ 4:30-5:30 P.M. GAME GROUP. Children from 5-12 years of age are invited to play a wide selection of games. SW Neighborhood Library

WED 7 @ 7 P.M. Mindfulness and Meditation, a lecture and workshop on meditation practice. SW Neighborhood Library

THURS 8 @ 7 P.M. The Morpheus Woodwind Quintet performs Handel’s “Water Music” at the Southwest Duck Pond as the pond fountains are inaugurated for the season. Free. Complimentary refreshments.

SAT 10 @ 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Little Farm Stand at the Southwest Duck Pond with organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County’s Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MON 12 @ 7-10 P.M. ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th St. SW, DCRA hearing room on 2nd floor.

TUES 13 & 27 @ 4:30-5:30 P.M. CREATE CLUB. School age children 5-12 years of age are welcome to participate in a creative activity including arts and crafts. SW Neighborhood Library.

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

WED 14 @ 10 A.M. “Wills, Advance Directives and Power of Attorney” workshop presented by Neighborhood Legal Services, at SW Neighborhood Library

WED 14 @ 7 P.M. “The Future of Human Space Exploration” presented by NASA physicist James Schier at SW Neighborhood Library.

THURS 15 @ 6:30 P.M. Ice Cream Making for Teens and Tweens. Learn how to make your own ice cream at this workshop. SW Neighborhood Library

FRI 16 @ 5-7 P.M. Teen Health Lounge at Randall Community Center, every 3rd Friday. A place where youth and young adults can engage in games, health workshops on HIV 101, health communication, condom negotiation, and much more. Additionally, HIV testing will be available and anyone ages 13-24 will receive an incentive for being tested. Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.

SAT 17 @ 9:30 A.M. DC CROP Hunger Walk and Food Drive. Meet at Southwest Duck Pond to walk to Franklin Square Park 950 13th St NW to arrive at 11 A.M. with closing ceremony to follow at Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW. Facebook: [ccropwalk](https://www.facebook.com/ccropwalk). Contact LeVatrice Nora-Meullion via email: Inorameullion@gmail.com. Team and Walker Registration: http://hunger.cws-global.org/site/TR/2014SpringCROPHungerWalk/TR-Spring2014?pg=entry&fr_id=18491

SAT 17 @ 1 P.M. FREE Lecture: Introduction to Genealogy, SW Neighborhood Library.

SUN 18 @ 11:30 A.M. Pancake Breakfast, St. Dominic Church, 630 E St. SW. The suggested donation is \$5 for each adult and children eat free. Proceeds to benefit the church poor box.

SUN 18 @ 12:15 P.M. Wills, Trusts, Probate and Elder Law. Free information session with Attorney Eugene Sim who specializes in this area of law and speaks about it in a clear, simple language, enabling people to make wise decisions. This one-hour session is open to the general public, free without obligation. All are welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.

SUN 18 @ 2 P.M. Fairy Party. Stories, crafts and activities celebrating fairies. Children under 9 yrs of age must be accompanied by an adult. SW Neighborhood Library.

SUN 18 @ 4-6 P.M. St. Augustine’s Open House and Reception. A brief program will highlight the church’s temporary relocation, plans for continuing its community programs and services, and drawing of its new church building, featuring expanded space for community events. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW, 202-554-3222 www.staugustinesdc.org or rector@staugustinesdc.org

WED 21 @ 7 P.M. St. Augustine’s Art & Spirit Coffeehouse. Arena Stage’s Mentor and Jefferson Middle School Ensembles Speak Out! Coffee and Desserts served. The two short plays are followed by a Q&A. Free, donations accepted. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

THURS 29 @ 6:30 P.M. Candy Making for Teens and Tweens. Learn how to make ‘sushi candy rolls’. SW Neighborhood Library.

FRI 30 @ 6:30 P.M. Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle’s DC360 Movie Night. Feature Film will be “Courageous.” Admission is Free. All are welcome. 60 I St. SW, 202-479-2851

SAT 31 @ 1 P.M. Southwest Library Book Discussion, rescheduled from April 26th, “The Guernsey Library and Potato Peel Pie Society” by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies available for checkout.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT YOGA, 5 P.M. Mondays, FREE, Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St. SW. 202-554-6973.

AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS, 3:30-5:00pm, Mondays and Fridays. Ages. 6-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW.

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday –Friday, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker.

ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon, Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

BABY AND TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays, May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Fun songs, finger plays, and rhymes to promote early literacy development. For infants through 24 months and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

BINGO FOR SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St. SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

BOYS TO MEN, 5-6 P.M., Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Mike Wilson, Gary Williams.

CHESS, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Wednesdays, Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202-554-6973

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St.SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

TUES 13 Introduction to Microsoft Word

TUES 20 Introduction to Microsoft Excel

TUES 27 Introduction to Microsoft Powerpoint

COMMUNITY YARD SALE, 11 A.M.-3 P.M., Every 3rd Saturday. No table fee. Bring donation of non-perishable food items; Bring your table and new or old items to sell. Randall Community Center, Call to register 202-554-6973 or email: randallrec@sashabruce.org

COMPUTER CLASSES, 6-8 P.M., Mondays, DRP Certified Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454.

CRAFT WORKSHOP, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Saturdays, Randall Community Center. 202-554-6973.

FAMILY TIME, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Saturdays, Randall Community Center. 202-554-6973.

GIRLS SCOUTS TROOP 4298, 5:30-7:30 P.M., Wednesdays, K-12. Contact Monica Evans, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St SW, 202-645-7454

HAND DANCING CLASSES, 12-2 P.M. Saturdays, Jitterbug, Lindy Hop. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Class. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW, Community room off Wesley Place SW.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, with Mr. Zeke, 12:30-3:30 P.M. Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St. SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB CLUB, 12-2 P.M. Tuesdays, Ages 18 and older. Contacts: Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7:00 P.M., Thursdays, By Appointment Only. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications and other aspects of the job search process. SW Neighborhood Library. Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment.

KAWAII FASHION ART, 4-5 P.M., Wednesdays, Randall Community Center 202-554-6973.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday, SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Fourth Street SW.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, every 1st and 3rd Saturday, SW Neighborhood Library. Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

LITTLE FARM STAND, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Saturdays, May through December at the Southwest Duck Pond with organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup, and preserves from Loudoun County’s Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MACHINE PITCH, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson.

MOVIE NIGHT, 7-8:30 P.M., Ages 14-19, Fridays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Michael Wilson 202-645-7454.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. SW Neighborhood Library, basement meeting room.

OPEN COMPUTER TIME, 3-7 P.M. Mondays, Randall Community Center. 202-554-6973

PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M. Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Bedtime songs and stretches for toddlers and preschoolers up to 5 years of age. SW Neighborhood Library.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 105, Community meeting, 7-8:30 P.M., every third Thursday, Location announced at previous meeting.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, 10-11 A.M., every last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th St SE.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M. Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Picture books, songs, and rhymes to strengthen early literacy skills. For children from 2-5 years of age and parents/caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library

SASSY SENIORS, Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise, and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.



Worthington stands with some of her second grade students. Photo courtesy of Beverly Worthington

TEACHER

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ton is spry and enthusiastic, deftly encouraging teamwork and a sense of mutual investment among his classmates as she coaxes the student to the correct answer, helping him work through the logic. When one student stumbles and gets the answer to a grammar challenge wrong, Worthington's demeanor does not change.

"It's okay to make a mistake," Worthington says. "That's how we learn – from our mistakes." As she explains the correct answer, she praises her pupil's attentiveness, finding yet another way to engage and encourage the student, and make a positive example of her for the others, even in the face of a small setback.

"Next time she will get it right, because she is watching," Worthington tells the class. But the incorrect answers are few, and Worthington is proud of the obvious level of comprehension in the room. She takes every opportunity to weave deeper meaning into the day's lesson.

"I'm big on education," she says, "but I'm bigger on character. It's everything about you. It is who you are." Worthington's work ethic stands as a foil to those who believe that teachers enjoy a lighter work load. She often stays in her classroom until 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, planning the next day's lesson and reflecting upon how best to reach students who might not have fully grasped the previous day's concepts. She reads voraciously, pouring over literature about best practices in teaching.

"Ms. Worthington is one of the most dedicated and conscientious employees we have," says Amidon-Bowen Principal, Izabela Miller. "Every child matters to her, the school matters to her, and she is prepared for every minute of every day."

Raised on the eastern shore of Delaware, Worthington's family moved to DC when she was nine years old. She was brought up in a home that she says emphasized "faith, love, and Christian values," with two parents whose top priority was education. Her father honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps, eventually becoming a successful business owner of Junior Mode Shoes and Dance of Maryland, and was also a gifted pianist. Her mother worked in DC Public Schools, and instilled Worthington with a deep passion for helping others.

Worthington graduated from Ballou Senior

High School in Southeast DC and went on to graduate from the University of the District of Columbia. After eight years working as a secretary for the Department of the Interior—during which time Worthington and her late husband, Ralph, raised two children, a daughter, Ralphia, who now works as a registered nurse, and a son, Marcellus, an IT System Administrator for Homeland Security—Worthington returned to UDC to complete her teaching degree.

In her 27 years in the classroom, 21 of which were spent at the Lucy Diggs Slowe Elementary School in Northeast DC, Worthington has taught every elementary school grade.

"I go where I am needed," she says. In that time, she has touched her students in many ways. One year, a student's mother came to her

upset that she was not able to afford a proper suit for her son for the next day's promotion ceremony. Later that night, Worthington called the mother.

"I said, 'I have a size 14 suit, a shirt, a tie, and shoes. Everything but the socks and underwear.' The mother was speechless, and the next day I saw her face as she watched her child move up a grade. She'd never had the opportunity to buy him a suit, and she was so proud and moved."

Then there are the parents who have decided to return to school, inspired by the faith Worthington has shown in their abilities and their children's. There are families she has held together by quietly giving food to children whose parents could not provide for them. And countless students run up to her on the playground as they head home from junior high school and eagerly show her their grades and tell her their plans for high school. She has touched them all, and she knows it.

"My first year of teaching I didn't want to let them go," she says, smiling at the recollection. "I was so invested in those students. But as time went on, I saw that the butterflies fly away, and that is ok."

As for Amidon-Bowen, the school has transformed dramatically since Worthington joined the faculty.

"There have been beautiful changes here between 2008 and now," says Worthington. "The principal is behind us. The staff here is willing to go beyond the call of duty to do what's right for the children."

In a school that, until recently, has struggled to recruit and keep highly effective teachers, Worthington stands out as an example of elementary school teaching at its finest.

"She figures out each child individually," says Principal Miller. "She is a teacher to the core."

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CALENDAR

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Contact Tiletia Harris- Walker at 202-645-7454.

SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SENIOR CARDIO EXERCISE, 11 A.M.-Noon, Wednesdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Gary Williams.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP #4751 CHAPTER. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 12 Noon. Meetings are every third Wednesday. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. Costs: \$5 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes’ Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, 8:30 P.M., Mondays, St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M Street SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St. SW.

TEEN CLUB, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Fridays, Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, Contact Angela Venable.

TEEN GAME NIGHT, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Thursdays, Enjoy video and board games. SW Neighborhood Library.

TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS, 5-7 P.M., Wednes-

days, Ages 6-13, DPR Certified Volunteers. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

TOT LOT Program, 10:30-11:45 A.M. Thursdays, Randall Community Center, South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202- 554-6973. Activity time for toddlers, ages 18 mos. to 3 years and parents/ caregivers. Movement and activities that develop gross motor skills that can enhance balance, coordination, socialization, strength, and self-esteem and reinforce cognitive development in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW. 202-863-0564.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye St. SW, 4 P.M. Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). 5:30 P.M. Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). 6:45 P.M. Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). 7 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

YOGA FOR TEENS AND ADULTS, 7-8 P.M. Every Tuesday, SW Neighborhood Library.

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 6-7 P.M., Thursdays, Ages 6-18, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Safiyyah Aleem-Woods.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, FREE, Randall Community Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW. 202-554-6973.

April Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

March 2013 statics were not bad but March 2014 numbers were quite amazing in contrast. Demand is very high for properties in SW, with the Wharf signs firmly anchored down this is a trend that will likely continue. If you have considered selling a home in SW give us a call at 202-641-0299 or email us at jason@jasonmartingroup.com. You might be surprised at the value of your home.

	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2013	%Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$5,432,800	\$3,449,177	57.51%
Avg Sold Price	\$319,576	\$246,370	29.71%
Median Sold Price	\$305,000	\$224,888	35.62%
Units Sold	17	14	21.43%
Avg Days on Market	21	73	-71.23%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$319,664	\$257,112	24.33%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	97.3%	90.9%	6.97%



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Love, Jenny and Henry